മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.— ചിറ്റൂർ താലൂക്കിൽനിന്ന് അപേക്ഷകൾ വാങ്ങാറില്ല. അത് പണം കൊടുക്കുവാനുള്ള മടികൊണ്ടോ മറ്റോ ആയിരിക്കാം.

Mr. President.—The Honble Member must withdraw that remark. It is casting reflections on the President of the Bank.

Mr. K. S. Panickar.—I withdraw.

Out-break of locust Pest in Nemmara Firkah.

134. Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether there is a severe out-break of the locust (പുൽ പൊന്ത) in paddy fields in Nemmara Firkah this year;

(2) if so, what steps have been taken to check the progress of the pest;

(3) if not, will the Government be pleased to pay immediate attention as promised in the Council last year?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—(1) There was an out-break in Vrischigam last.

(2) The Agricultural Inspector and the Entomologist were ordered to carry out the control measures. The methods were demonstrated in the infected fields and the ryots in the adjoining fields were advised to carry out similar measures.

(3) The question does not arise in the light of answer given to sub-division (2).

Veterinary Hospital—Mattancheri—providing of.

135. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will the Government be peased to state:—

(a) when was the urgency of providing a Veterinary Hospital in Mattancheri first brought to the notice of the Government;

(b) when was the site for accommodating the sickly animals secured;

(c) what amount of rent has been spent till now on the site;

(d) how many visits has the Veterinary Inspector made in Mattancheri during the year 1111?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—(a) In 1103.

(b) On 1—9—1111.

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(c) Rs. 30.

(d) 59.

Circular enjoining teachers to co-operate with the Pooram Authorities.

136. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—Will the Government be pleased to answer.—

(1) whether the Director of Public Instruction issued a circular to some of the educational institutions in the State both aided and Sirkar asking the teachers to co-operate with the Pooram Authorities to make the Pooram of this year a success;

(2) does it enjoin on them to pay some amount for the celebration of the Pooram irrespective of caste or creed;

(3) will a copy of the circular be placed on the table?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—(1) Yes.

(2) No.

(3) No, as the circular is a confidential document.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—May I know what is the kind of co-operation that is required by the teachers according to the circular?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.— Only to the extent of abstention from a movement to boycott the Pooram festival.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does the circular contain anything asking the teachers to contribute for the Pooram festival?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—The answer is contained in sub-division (2).

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is it a fact that some of the officers did actually go round and collect subscriptions?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—It has not come to the knowledge of Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—As far as the circular is concerned was it a direction to the school authorities not to burn their fingers unnecessarily associating themselves with any attempt against the proper celebration of the Pooram?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I do not know anything about the burning of fingers. It did contain an admonition, or a sort of advice from the Head of the Department not to get themselves mixed up in the movement.

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